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#### A BELGIAN AT THE DOOR.

A little story comes from Philadelphia that is pointed and appropriate to the season. A business out this reservation. man, owing to slack business, dismissed a stenographer who had few days later she read that he istration. had given \$500 to Belgian relief. She went to him and said:

"Don't you think I need that position as much as the Belgians need your \$500?"

Knowing her circumstances, he replied, "Yes, you do;" and he promptly reinstated her.

Just a little thoughtfulness for the Belgian at our own door will give a better flavor to the splendid charity the reservation. that is being sent abroad.

#### DO YOUR MAILING EARLY

your Christmas parcels early!

That is the earnest plea of every postoffice employe in the city. Do your postal shopping now. Each year finds the postal system staggered, despite extensive preparations against congestion. Every holiday season finds the deluge of parcels overwhelming. Little thought is given to the hardships forced upon postal clerks and the strain placed upon the entire system by lastminute mailing.

Despite all his efforts to control Christmas Day. And unless people Christmas.

mail early.

dress last evening, adverted to the pass such laws the coming winter. tional defenses and preparedness. He mous case came, in which the Su- fear. The United States would be posed to both their secular and

President's whimsical addendum:

information is now concealed.

lions would read the proceedings of better laws?

would be read occasionally.

Last January this treaty was negotiated in London. It was really a result of the Titanic tragedy. It has now been ratified by four nations. Germany, Great Britain, Spain, and the United States. It has been rejected by only one, Sweden. There are eight other signatory powers, are eight other signatory powers.

der seemingly impossible wages, manage to keep soul and body together. It discusses the effect—as testified by four nations, manage to keep soul and body together. It discusses the effect—as testified by medical and social authorities—of these conditions upon the mothers; and upon the children of mothers who have had to eke out included by only one, Sweden. There are eight other signatory powers, are eight other signatory powers.

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American ports. A treaty, once rati- upheld, fied, is superior to a law of Congress. The ratification of the treaty was held up last session-before election, that is-because it was generratified without important reserva- French revolutionary and the Na- militarism. tions, it would bind this country to poleonic wars, the coast of Britain International law is merely prece-

ratified without this reservation, the vel of that performance is that the expect to draw on our factories. men's bill out of possibility.

was seeking votes and posing as the away without a decisive fight. friend of organized labor-all of

served him faithfully ten years. A the lofty pretensions of this Admin- to defeat his pursuers.

But it didn't succeed. The advo- and at best it is worse than im-

Democratic majority.

## THE MINIMUM WAGE

of recent years is before the Su- great naval figures of history. preme Court of the United States Indeed, this repeated demonstrafor argument today. It is the case tion of the high quality and efficiency Turkey or of other nations. erty without due process of law.

observed that all the facts it could preme Court sustained a law fixing the only nation with enough naval spiritual interests. develop are now in public reports to maximum hours of labor for women. As also is the former State presented a brief that was rival of Britain. But the notion of leader to avow; and it suggests, in unique in character. It paid little these two countries fighting is now connection with the very general "If you want to conceal any fact, attention to law and Constitution regarded by both of them as utterly loyalty of Mohammedans in the you could not do it better than to and the precedents created by deci- impossible. put it into the official reports to sions. Instead, it surveyed the facts; the world's experience; the Perfectly correct on both counts. medical and physiological and socio-But all this argues for, not logical and criminal facts bearing against, the inquiry. It would un- on the subject. What is the effect

Whatever the Constitution and the While this treaty was pending, law may require, the facts collected page of the same privilege to her by Congress was considering the sea- together in this effort to sustain a men's bill, which undertook to im- series of humane statutes assuredly pose certain very specific conditions justify the hope and strong expecon vessels entering and leaving tation that the law of Oregon will be

## THE YORKSHIRE RAID.

which was supporting the seamen's anything like yesterday's attack on to other nations and not expect to bill-it supported a ratification with the coast of Britain was our own have others apply it to us. the reservation. But it didn't ratify. Revolutionary bero, John Paul Jones. There is every hope that this war It let the treaty hang over till this He had east, west, and north coasts will bring an end to militarism. Let session-till after election-and then of both England and Ireland in a us not do anything in a mistaken it struck out the reservation that state of terror for a long time, cap- view of our moral neutrality obliwould have saved the seamen's bill, turing and burning boats of com- gations which, so far as militarism and tried to ratify the treaty with- merce; and when they caught him is concerned, would leave the war at last, with the Serapis, which fought without profit. It was a performance in crooked ought to have sent him to the botpolitics pitifully inconsistent with tom, he was unsportsmanlike enough War is-well, anyhow it is war:

men who didn't care to see the Ad- but it is not worth while to find un-Republicans and Democrats alike, course, it's barbarous; it's war. It's got together and forced the ratifi- exactly as barbarous as were the made him our first naval hero. Jones generally done. It takes a two-thirds vote to ratify was officially rated as a pirate in a treaty. The extent and emphasis England, and they would have this two-thirds vote was easily mus- get their itching fingers on him. He tered in a Senate that has a snug made other arrangements in that regard. The German cruisers are doare capable; and doing it with an effectiveness and heroism that de-

mous case came, in which the Supreme Court sustained a law fixing maximum hours of labor for women. In that case the attorneys for the State presented a law fixing maximum hours of labor for women. In that case the attorneys for the State presented a law fixing force as a foundation, plus the necessary resources, ever to become a law fixing and modern view for a Moslem of Register of Reg

# DEPOT,

George Sylvester Viereck, editor lock the adamantine bombproofs of on women workers, and through of the Fatherland, goes to the supboresomeness in which all this im- them, what is the effect on the race? port of Senator Hitchcock and his portant, this supremely important, Are the effects bad? If bad, is there bill to embargo shipments of contranformation is now concealed.

Nobody reads official reports. Mil
Nobody reads offic

various sorts edited so that they And her brief, it was generally as- America were determinable from the volume of the shipments of muniwould be read occasionally.

The Government spends millions annually printing things that are mostly useless for the want of a few thousands spent on editors.

WHY DID IT FLOP?

Was generally as serted, won the case.

Now, in another case from or different tions bought or contracted for here, and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically seep toward enlightened treatment of women workers—Miss Goldmark has again summarized the experimence of the fact that we have a set on the shipments of munitations bought or contracted for here, and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically seep toward enlightened treatment of women workers—Miss Goldmark has again summarized the experimence of the fact that we have a set on the stip of the few seasons ago, is for her heapty method to have allty. She numbers among here correct, his case would be practically for her beauty and charming protributed in the shipment of munitations bought or contracted for here, and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically for here a few seasons ago, is for her heapty method to have allty. She numbers of munitations contained to have a subject to the former of the former of the former of the fact that we shibit. Caroente leave and the shipment of munitations and if Mr. Viereck's estimates are correct, his case would be practically for here a few seasons ago, is for her heapty method to here a few seasons ago, is for her heapty method to here. Hotel leave, "The Eruption of Mr. Lassen, Prof. Different heapty of the former of t The Administration received a re- did brief; a book of 300 pages, that by the hundred millions, field guns yesterday ratified the London treaty on Safety of Life at Sea. It is quite impossible to understand what inbuke and a defeat when the Senate tells the facts about women's wages; and aeroplanes and armored motorby any "immutable economic law," but in the most haphazard fashion fluences could have been potent to convince the Administration's managers that the course adopted in this matter could possibly avoid a disaster.

by any "immutable economic law," but in the most haphazard fashion further, that in filling these orders for the allies we are materially assisting them against Germany. Mr. Viereck estimates that without such promotion the war could terminate shifts by which women, working under the sea," but in the most haphazard fashion without sense or system, and utterly without relationship to the value of services performed. It describes the shifts by which women, working under the sea," but in the most haphazard fashion without sense or system, and utterly without relationship to the value of services performed. It describes the shifts by which women, working under the sea," but in the most haphazard fashion further, that in filling these orders for the allies we are materially assisting them against Germany. Mr. Viereck estimates that without such promotion the war could terminate continuous. Casino-Vaudeville, continuous. Last January this treaty was nemanage to keep soul and body tomanage to keep soul and body toless far too low a guess; but it is at

She did so of necessity. The very fact that, because of her necessity, eign sources of supply upsets by It is interesting to recall that practical example Mr. Viereck's ar-

certain conditions that would make was never brought under the actual dent. Heretofore, neither England it impossible to pass the seamen's fire of hostile guns as it was yester- nor France has felt the impulse to Mert bill. So the Administration sup- day by the flying squadron of Ger- accumulate excessive supplies, beported-before election, mind-a man cruisers. Vast energy and cause they had no reason to believe Sandusky Grocery Plant resolution of ratification which treasure was expended by the the source of replenishment would specifically reserved to this country French, throughout this whole epoch, be cut off. We are their chief source. the right to impose the higher stand- in various efforts to devise a work- Once it was understood that we ards of safety, in the waters of the United States, that were outlined in England or Ireland; but they never erents, they would at once fall into seamen's bill. In other words, got there. In 1796 they actually Germany's position. The big ar-come by intense cold.

SCNDUSKY O'do, there, i., Fire to-day with the control of the Bender Woodward Ferry, while the meeting with the meeting will be open for discussion.

The Washington Times ratified with this reservation, there placed an army of 25,000 on trans- senal in time of peace would become would still have been room for the ports and under strong country and are executed to the peace would become would still have been room for the ports and under strong convoy sent an essential to them and to every seamen's bill to pass and operate; it to the west Irish coast. The mar- other nation that might ordinarily

treaty would have elbowed the sea- French sustained rather small losses. More than that, the program Their armada, like that of Spain would force us into the same course. So, let it be explained again, last centuries earlier, suffered severely Whether or not our theory of mora spring, when the Administration by reason of storms, and was driven responsibility should be accepted of international law, we could not es-The last commander to accomplish tablish such a principle with regard One Year's Gratitude and Affec-

#### A MOSLEM ADVANCE.

. The Moslem leader in India, where the Mohammedan population concates of a square deal, the real sup- polite. People bemoan the dreadful stitutes an important minority of porters of the most advanced policy spectacle of a sleeping coastwise the whole, has taken a step which of making life safe on the ocean, the town awakened by a bombardment; suggests that Islam may be on the verge of a great advance in civilizaministration betray its own promises due fault with our daring German tion and civic/ideals. In effect, he of a few months ago-these men, friends for being "barbarous." Of suggests that the time is come for a sort of flat old time, with nothing Moslem to break away from its ancient partnership of church and save him better than he did the one cation of the treaty yesterday, with performances of Paul Jones, that state, as the Christian world has choice some one else gave him:

Turkey is a political government; but it has assumed also to be the of the defeat for the Administration hanged him to the yardarm without trustee of the religious faith and may be gathered from the fact that a drumhead session; only they didn't aspirations of the Mohammedan ectiv safe wager and play the CHRIST-Church. Thus the partnership of church and state has been maintained throughout the Moslem world. ing just the right thing; giving the The vicious results of that partnerbest possible service of which they ship have been shown repeatedly when the political rulers of Turkey, driven to extremes, have threatened One of the most important cases serves for them rank among the to use their spiritual power to declare a holy war wherever Moslems might be, whether under the rule of nelps out any one of the hity-six http-children whose homes the Associated

from Oregon, in which attack is di- of the German naval establishment Now comes the leader of Mohamrected against the minimum wage may be set down as a leading reason medanism in India to protest against law of that State on the ground of why peace talk now or soon is non- this medieval attitude. He declares way. its alleged unconstitutionality. Al- sense. Great Britain is not going that Turkey's politicians have be-Praeger will have his hands full the most needless to say, its assailants to quit this war till she knows that trayed their trusteeship for the several days immediately preceding charge that it proposes taking prop- Germany's sea power is broken, and spiritual interest of their people, in Germany's chance of becoming ever and out of the empire; that if Tur- fifty-six children. Eight States have, to this time, again a dangerous rival of Britain key's present political alliance sucparcels now his force of clerks will passed laws establishing minimum on the seas is ended. There must be ceeds, Turkey will become a vassal parcels now his force of clerks will passed laws establishing minimum be overpowered for many days after wages for women or adopting the something decisive on the ocean. Vic- of Germany; that therefore it is the so that the Washington District of Copublic policy and providing commis- tories for the allies in Poland and duty of Moslems to remain loyal to lumbia Family taxpayers won't have to In shopping early remember to sions to determine what the mini- Flanders and France and Servia and the governments under which they care for mum wage shall be. Oregon's law all over Africa and Asia would not live, and to throw off the yoke that tions and homes. mum wage shall be. Oregon's law all over Africa and Asia would not live, and to throw out the yoke that attempts to bind them to the political purposes of a government that tithe so much, as the certainty that a probable precedent for the determinant of the political purposes of a government that tithe so much, as the certainty that the political purposes of a government that the so much, as the certainty that the political purposes of a government that the CORRECT, MR TAFT!

came early, and so its case becomes a probable precedent for the determination of the others. Another group of States will undoubtedly a crushing, wrecking blow had been delivered to German naval ambition.

Ex-President Taft, making an advantage of States will undoubtedly nass such laws the coming winter.

There would then be left no possible their religion as a leading string to or fifty collars, just as their religion as a leading string to drag them into a war that is optimized.

Now, if that isn't patriotism, and their spiritual welfare, but is using their religion as a leading string to or fifty collars, just as their religion as a leading string to their pursess feel capable of disgorsing to these Christmas Opportunities, demand for an investigation of na- It was from Oregon that the fa-

> British dominions, that the world nears the time when the menace of AMERICA AS A MUNITIONS a holy war will be a thing of the past.

#### What's on the Program in Washington

the inquiry that is proposed.

And when it was over perhaps somebody would devise a scheme for getting Government documents of made by Miss Josephine Goldmark.

That was the subject discussed in the question as to whether the moral responsibility for the prolongation of the war rests with Masonic-Naval, No. 18; Harm, No. 19; Later No. 19; Masonic-Naval, No. 19; Later No. 19; Masonic-Naval, No. 19; Masonic-Naval, No. 19; Later No. 19; Masonic-Naval, No. 19; Later No. 19; Masonic-Naval, No. 19; Later No. 19; Masonic-Naval, N Amusements.

for war in full recognition of the Socialist Party Local Northeast, Sil E street enemy's privileges under international law and the probable estoppage of the same privilege to her by her enemy's fleet. The stock of multiple stock of mult her enemy's fleet. The stock of munitions which the allies are buying after war begins Germany bought before the war began.

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# Fire Has \$125,000 Loss

# \_OVE INSURANCE IN

# tion of Seventy-Two Persons Available to the Generous.

After all, which is the most fun? Saving and hiding and planning and as or receiving a lot of things your-

The receiving end of Christmas is enoyed most by the children, the GIV-ING end by the grown-ups. There no use trying to blush around nd crawl out of it.

eccive," and a great, great, deal more un. Any one will tell you so. Else Why would "just before Christnas" be such a delightfully hopeful, ad wonderful opening up kind of a one, and 'flist after Christmas' when we, perhaps, have what we want, such commy liked the present which we

Make Opportunity Big Gift. Since GIVING is the whose thing to ne preliminary, and being sure that the eceiver likes what he gets is the meaof the attermath, why not make a per MAS OPPORTUNITIES as your big

in that way you preserve that great etter kind of feeling, and make it wetch out for a whole year. You feel ike a cow with a wreath of Hower fround her neck, but you are as proud as she is. For playing Big Brother or portunity families is a sort of surance" for a year.

"Love insurance" for one year guaranhildren whose homes the Associa haritles is trying to hold together. As to the money-we can ring the changes on the possibilities of it for an

Seventy-Two For \$4,500.

Forty-five hundred dollars is needed to keep the families chosen for one year, Like this-\$4,500, for sixteen adults and

That makes seventy-two people in this big Washington District of Columbia Family who want to be given a boost care for them separately at greater ex-

### Miss Rogers To Be Bride Of Nephew of Kaiser

The rumor which is going the unds, of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers and Prince Christian, nephew of Emperor Willam of Germany, is grousing great interest in Washington,

Miss Rogers, who is now in Berlin with her mother, met the prince at Cairo over a year ago and friends of the little lady say that it was a case of love at first sight. The story of the romance is told in letters received from Miss Rogers. No date has been et for the wedding, no plans made, but the prince has, it appears, an-nounced himself ready to renounce his title and place at court in order to remove imperial objections to the wedding. He is a captain in the German navy, and upon the fortunes of war will depend the date of the

of war will depend on the marriage.

The bride-to-be, who made her debut here a few seasons ago, is noted for her beauty and charming personality. She numbers among her intimate friends Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the former President, and Miss Mayor daughter of the former Alys Meyer, daughter of the former Secretary of the Navy.

# Quit Army in Year

Twenty-nine officers have resigned from the United States army since the beginning of the present year, according to announcement made by the War Department in making known the resignation of First Lieut, Birch O. Me-haffey, Coast Artillery, and First Lieut. Charles S. Donavin, Infantry. The Navy Department has accepted the resignation of Lieut. Commander Edward E. Spafford, who was left a fortune by the death of his wife two and who has since tried to

#### Rockefeller Board Gives \$39,715,000 to Education

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-The general education board, founded by John D. Rockefeller, has just made public the first installment of a report which will be issued on January 1. This recport lows the board has made gifts to colo cational institutions amounting to \$29. Of this amount \$13,554,311 has been

given to the University of Chicage and for medical research.

Family Night at Grotto.

### It was "family night" for members of

Callipolis Grotto, No. 15, M. O. V. P. E. R., at the National Rifles Armory last night, the occasion being "Kallipolis Kiddies' Khristmas Karnival." Vo lis Kiddles Kuristina cal and instrumental soles, monologues, and numbers by the Kallipolis Orches-tra, under the direction of Jaques Heidenheimer, made up most of the program. The Kallipolis Military Band, with Julius Kamper as leader, gave a concert, and the Grotto Glee Club gave several numbers. Presents were dis-tributed among the children, and the ndies received flowers.

### Would Aid Homeseekers.

A more constructive Federal policy toward the homesecker will be the topic considered at the meeting of the District Federation of Women's Clubs SANDUSKY (1910, ther. 17. Fire to-

# FOURTEEN XMAS **OPPORTUNITIES**

Here is YOUR chance to play Santa Claus and bring real happiness into the lives of your less fortunate brothers. The Times and the Associated Charities join in asking you to help. Every penny of your contribution will go directly to the family in which you are interested. The Times will act as sponsor for the fund, and money will be received by The Christmas Editor, The Times office, Munsey Build-

IVING to some one else for Christ- Opportunity No. 1.-Eyes for the Opportunity No. 8.-Never Say Die.

Blind. \$520. A blind mother-made such by accident-and a father whose eyesight is rapidly failing, daily face the problem of how to shelter, feed, and clothe their six little children, all of school age. These children are quite "It is more blessed to give than to normal, and are learning to be eyes for their parents and their ultimate support. The plan for this next year

is to have the father learn a trade which he can follow when he is en-tirely blind. Who will help bring Christmas cheer into this family by contribut-ing to the \$10 per week required to keep the home intact, while the father goes to a trade school for the Contributions: Mrs. R. M. T., \$50;

S. W. J., \$5; J. A. P., \$1; Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkinson, \$2; S. B. J., \$5. Still needed, \$456. Opportunity No. 2.-A Spartan

Mother. \$208. Last Christmus this widow was a happy wife with all her loved ones

about her. Her husband had just bought a piece of land on which he was planning to build with his own hands a house that would be very own. Sickness came: death. Now the wife is struggling alone to make a home for her eight little ones. The man's former em-ployers are sharing the burden by giving a small monthly pension to the devoted mother. This with what little the hard working relatives can contribute furnishes the sole support of this family. If the income can be supplemented to the amount of \$4 per week, or \$308 a year, with care-Contributions: Mrs. J. W. B., \$25; Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkinson, \$2; B. A. C., \$1; D. C. G., \$5; H. S., \$1. Still needed, \$174.

### Opportunity No. 3.—A Fourteen

year-old Hero. \$260. Fourteen years old and facing the world, this lad is working détermined to wrest from it the support of his mother, brother, and sister. The mother, refined and well-educated, formerly did clerical work. She is now nearly blind, and not strong or well. Despite this, however, she earns from \$2 to \$3 by day work and laundry. This brave woman should be enabled to keep her home for her youthful wage-earner and the young-er children, and to enjoy some rest herself and the chance to build up. To encourage our hero and enable him to keep his family, \$5 per week is needed. Contributions: W. B. M., \$5; Mrs. S. F. C., \$5; H. S., \$1.
This opportunity has been fully subcribed. The total amount of \$250 was contributed this morning by N. B. S.

Opportunity No. 4.-Let's All Back

Martha. \$104. Three years ago the society found this hard-working and industrious colored man, rapidly growing blind and utterly discouraged, as he faced the prospect of parting with his four notherless little ones, and spending the remainder of his life in the aimshouse. A plan was formed. Reinives contributed all they could and kind-hearted people did the rest. and kind-hearted people did the rest. A friendly visitor helped train the eldest girl, then sixteen years, to take her mother's place, and she has become a model housekeeper. Now the second girl is fifteen, and the rister who so pluckily is taking the mother's place, says: "Do help me keep Martin in school one more year. She wants so much to keep on at the Vocational School until she has learned to be a fitting dress she has learned to be a fitting dress-maker. She just loves sewing. I hate to take her out of school and put her to work at a mangle."
Who will help keep Martha at school a year as a Christmas gift? E per week, or \$104 a year, is needed.

Contributions: H. S., \$1. Still need-Opportunity No. 5 .- Citizens in the

Making. \$520. Alone, fighting against invalidism and poverty this widow has for many years been doing her full duty in the training of three fatherless children, who are fast developing wholesome ideas of support for themselves and their mother. The ambition of the oldest lad is to be come a farmer, and his sister wants to be a teacher. Brought up on modern outdoor and fresh air theories, the children are gradually over coming their early physical handi-caps. Several who have helped this family in the past year, and who have received from time to confidential reports relating the fami-y's happiness and well being, have already signified their desire to con-

Contributions: Mrs. J. P., \$1; Mrs. E. E. E., \$5; E. C. F., \$2; A. M. L., pledge, \$120; J. H. N., \$1; Dr. and Mrs. G. Wilkinson, \$2; Through Mrs. M. F., \$10; N. M. B., \$5; Mrs. S. F. \$5; H. S., \$1. Still needed, \$578.

Opportunity No. 6-Our Friend Mrs. Wiggs Again, \$260.

"How-do-you-do, my dear," is the cheery greeting to all comers of a dear old grandmother, who has undertaken to bring up her two orphan children. Disbursing sunshine and good will, after the fashion of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, this faithful old soul refuses to be unything but kindl, and hopeful in the midst of adversity. The grandchi-dren have caught her spirit of in-dustry. The little girl is mothering dollies or busily sewing for while her little brother h onsy with his tools or hving with the heroes of yesterday, in whom he akes great delight. How this good soul can make the So ner week, which is asked for her, go so tar, no one can tell. Total amount for the year .... Contributions: Mrs. J. W. B., \$25;

Opportunity No. 7 .- The Brim of the Melting Pot. \$260. Without relatives to help her, but

st Still needed, \$234.

with her church doing what it can a thruty German widow, handicapped by poor eyesight, is bringing up in model fashion five bright, American-born, future citizens, the oldest thirteen years. Reports from the children's school show how well they are doing at their studies. The old-est boy elready cherishes an ambi-tion to become a physician in the mission field or a minister. The famhe is highly respected in its own neighborhood. So her week, or \$300 for the year,

s asked for a Caristmas present for Contributions: J. H. N., 125; H. S., 11. still needed \$334

\$260. Forsaken by her husband and forced by broken health to give up the work by which she supported her two children, this mother refuses to surrender. Search is being made for the husband to compel him to do his part, but it is doubtful if he can be found. Meantime, the family has been moved to smaller quarters and the woman is doing sewing as she is able at home. Her church and two relatives, out of their meager stores, are doing what they can to help the mother keep her children, out \$5 per week is needed in addit tion to other possible income, or \$290 for the year, if this family is to have Christmas cheer all the year around,

Contributionss: H. S., \$1. Still need-Opportunity No. 9 .- Enforced Sepa-

ration, \$468. The guilding spirit of this family is bravely facing the hard situation of separation from her incurable ill husband, who is receiving hospital care. She is working hard to make a good home for her four little children, the eldest eleven, and the youngest six months. Unaided, she will fail in health and purpose; for this mother is an arrested case of tuberculosis and should not be lowed to atruggle alone to make ends meet. \$2.00 per week is needed to keep these children at home and happy

Contributions, Mrs. S., \$5; H. S., \$1. Still needed, \$462. Opportunity No. 10 .- A Homemaker

At All Odds. \$468. Whether to keep at work, long hours away from her children while htey were running wild, or to stay at home and be their real protector, was the problem facing the little woman whom we will call Mrs. Smith. The father's record as a home-breaker-he is serving a long sentence in the penitentiary-showed the need of saving the children from repeating their father's matakes. Without relatives who can help, the

Contributions: E. G. S., \$1; North Takoma, \$6; H. S., \$1. Still needed,

Opportunity No. 11. - Reporting Dividends on Last Year's Investments. \$364.

Heliday contributions a year ago furnished a Christmas gift to this deserted wife and her four little children. This gift has been bringing into this family its message of peace and good will throughout 1914. Not only did it help to bring to this wronged woman and her little chil-dren, food, shelter, and clothing, but it also brought improved living conditions, new friends, and happi-ness. "I never had such a beautiful home before or such good friends. sald this grateful mother. She has grown to be an excellent housekeeper, and is making a splendid home for her children. All efforts to locate the deserting husband so far have failed. Shall we continue to give this mother an opportunity to keep her little ones together in her own. her little ones together in her own heme for another year? Surely it has paid throughout the current year. We carneatly ask for your continued interest and co-operation n extending this Christmas opportunity. \$7 per week is needed .... \$361 Contributions: H. S., \$1. Still need-

Opportunity No. 12.-Neutrality in

Charity. \$260. We all practice neutrality when it comes to charity at home. This time t is a clever little French woman. the sole support of four children, whose father lies seriously ill in the hospital. The wife visits him as often as possible. The eldest girl has fust started to take a business course, hoping to be able in another year's time to take her father's place as wage-carner. The younger child-ren are all attending school res-ularly, even to the little six-year-old girl, who has just entered kinder-\$5 per week, or \$250 per year, so that this home may be kept together for another year, when the eldest daughter can begin to earn?..... Contributions: H. S., \$1; Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkinson, \$2. Still need-ed, \$257.

Opportunity No. 13,-A Result of Timely Help. \$312.

One year ago this little widow with four children felt that her load was more than she could bear, and rather than have her children suffer, she was ready to place them in institutions. The Associated Charities finally persuaded her to accept help in keeping the family together. During the past year, she has become more resourceful The fam-ily is living in better rooms, and the mother has fresh courage and ambition. She is learning to do plain sewing and is able to make a income for herself. Besides this, relatives are giving all they can from their little store. Their com-bined efforts, however, are not suficient to keep the home together. Christmas cheer .. Contributions: H. S., \$1; Dr. and

Mrs. A. G. Wilkinson, \$2. Still needed, \$209.

\$260. Before the birth of her youngest child, three years ago, this good woman was deserted by the one who should have been her protector. Feeling that the only course open to her was separation from her children, she placed two of them temporarily in institutions. Through the efforts of the society, money was raised to supplement what the relatives and her church could do, and now the cozy home is a happy one. The uneffect of a mother's care and training. All efforts have failed to locate

the man. in addition to what the relatives and church can do, \$5 per week, or \$500 per year, will mean 36 days of Christmas cheer for this family. \$500 Contributions: H. S., \$1. Still need-

## Phi Mu Sigma to Meet.

Delta Chapter, Phi Mu Sigma fraternity, will initiate a candidate at its my mind, it is far more outrageous that meeting this evening and will later out-

## MAIL BAG

(From The Times Readers.)

Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the nane-colly; must not exceed 200 words in length and must be signed with name and address of the sender. The unblication of letters in The Times Mail Bag does not mean the endorsement by The Times of the orinform of the writer. The Mail Bay is in ocen torum where the citizens of Washington can argue to of quastions.

"Community Tree" Should Be Indoors. o the Editor of the Mall Bag:

If Washington is going to. 'community Christmas tree," why no have it under cover somewhere-Concention Hall, for instance. This to not the time of year to have "community" celebrations where women and little children have to stand for hours exposed to the elements, unless the pleasure of gazing at a Christmas tree ntertainment is supposed to offset the fanger of colds and pneumonia. Such building as Convention Hall would rove adequate for such an occasion ting the exhibit to women and. This matter offers the largest teld of opportunity yet presented to Washington's Safety First Society COMMON SENSE

#### Crossing Policemen Should Be On "the Force."

of the Mail Bag. Congress, it is to be hoped, will some day see the wisdom of including the street crossing policemen in the metropolitan police force. The salaries of hese men are paid, under protest, by the street railway companies. They are appointed by the Commissioners and subject to the orders of the major and superintendent of police. The District government can amply afford to pay the salaries of the men who serve it, and provision for such payment should be included in the District appropriation bill. Why the District should be forced to be under obligations to any of the public utilities is a question the utilities and the public would like to have answered.

J. W. N.

#### Street Car Ventilation Poor.

the Editor of the Mail Bug: I have read from time to time in your valuable journal complaints from your readers as to the poor ventilation of certain types of cars now in use in the District, and with the thought that the ouder the complaint the better the chance of the condition being remedied am adding my protest to those already

The new central entrance cars being used extensively by the Wash-ington Rallway and Electric Company re practically airtight and when become crowded, as they usually are the atmosphere is almost suffocating. Under such conditions is it to be won-dered at that colds and other contagi-ous diseases are contracted? A. J. K.

#### Wants More Motion Pictures For Children.

To the Editor of the Mail Rag While the question of motion pictures s so strongly brought before the public through your valuable paper, grant me few lines to add to the strength of this movement. There is a wealth of enlightenment in many of the plays and topics of the day, and I am an interested patron of the "movies," but as in many things, we are apt to overde and go beyond the limit. I voice many in the disapproval of the nerve-strained tragedies and of the

senseless and sometimes vulgar pictures.

Where does the board of censorship come in on these?

I heartily advocate more plays suitable for children.

C. L. K.

## Believes Leave Legally Provided.

To the Editor of the Mail Eag: Although I do not particularly care to do so, I again enter the leave discussion in answer to "Government Employe No 3." To argue such questions in your paper, or any other paper, is a rather futile thing to do. The easiest way to correct the great mistake that has been made in running the Government (especially in regard to the leave question). is to dispense with the present system and to place the whole matter in the hands of "Government Employe No. 3 and "Business Man." There is no doubt but what they could run the Government in a more satisfactory manner!
I am still looking for "Business Man
and "Government Employe No. 2" is
"peek" from behind their non de plume

"peek" from behind their non de pium and let us know who they are, and to give us instances of violations of the leave question, and to prove their as-leave question, and to prove their as-sertion "so susceptible of proof." It sertion to the publiwould be rather amusing to the publi-to know that neither of them rightly come under the head of "Business Man" or "Government Employe No. 3." are merely impostors.
"Employe No. 3" states there is no law by which Government employes are legally allowed leave, and then right on

top of this statement quotes the law-i, e. act of March 15, 1898. The mere fact that Congress passed an act (ap-proved by the President) limiting annual leave to thirty days shows that Congress intended that Government clerks should have some leave under the law-and that the leave should be thirty days. The mere fact that the heads of departments allow this thirty days leave shows that they consider this act to be the law, and that Congress intended that the clerk should have thirty days anoual leave. Were this act not in the statut-books they (the departmental heads) books they (the departmental heads) would be powerless to allow even a single day of leave. The discretionary words "may grant thirty days annual leave" were inserted in the act in a wise moment by Congress in order to keep a clerk from demanding leave at a time when his presence might be needed. But for that they could get leave at any time regardless of protests.

at any time regardless of protests I am not a lawyer, and even though connected with the Department of Jus-tice "in a minor degree" have common sense enough to discern the "legal in-tent" of an act. I heartily agree with "Government Employe No. 2" that he is not a "lawyer." R. E. NORFLEET

Would Allow Citizens To Carry Arms. To the Editor of the Mail Bag:

Protests at the inability of the police o check hold-ups, purse-matching and the like, will accomplish nothing. Who we need is a change in the laws concerning the carrying of weapons. I have for years protested that the present Opportunity No. 14. — Deserted. laws act merely as a vehicle for the protection of the criminal. They simurity

need is a law, or rather such an application of the present law as will tuned it possible for any reputable citizen to obtain legal permission to go armen when he feels it acrossable.

Until the authorities reser truthed the great body of citizens like at he of children, forcing them to hide beings, the coat tails of the police, who are never to be found when wanfed, has so long will those crities of the possible conme will those crimes of violence coninve.
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It will, or course, be objected that it is course proposed is not idevicable because 'somebody might get shot.' Well, let them get shot. Retter have fewer people and breed men a mong those let than to multiply in cowardice.

There are thousands of men in this is the course of the are thousands of men in this course.

city fully as well qualified to aid in the preservation of law and order as the average policeman. What is there that should be considered out of place in the suggestion that the city avail-itself of these men in such work. But can the city expect its citizens to go empty handed against the armed thug? That is the present proposition, and, to my mind, it is far more outrageous than